

Memphis and Shelby County Office of Sustainability

March 2015 Sustainability Events

The Memphis-Shelby County Office of Sustainability would like you to be aware of these upcoming events. Be sure to follow us on facebook and view the website calendar (www.sustainableshelby.com/calendar) for additional items throughout the month:

<u>Earth Month Business Conference</u> – (April 7, \$90). The Office of Sustainability joins FedEx, ISSP, The Sustainability Consortium, CRG Sustainable Solutions and other sponsors for a conference on sustainable supply chain for businesses. Special emphasis will be on sustainable packaging, sustainable purchasing and recycling.

<u>Electronic Recycling: Collierville High School</u> – (Mar 28, 1-5pm). FREE event. Take your ewaste to CHS (1101 New Byhalia Road) for responsible recycling. Sponsored by Memphis-Shelby County Office of Sustainability, Collierville Environmental Commission, Collierville Public Works, and CHS Environmental Club. Businesses and individuals welcomed, no limits. http://bit.ly/1vsBJFK



<u>Faith-in-Action Memphis CleanUp</u> – (Apr 18-26). Join Memphis City Beautiful to volunteer as an individual or as a team to eliminate blight in our city. Sign up here: <u>www.faithinactionmemphis.com</u>

<u>Alternative Fuel Commercial Lawn Mowers Workshop</u> – (Mar 6, 9:30-12). FREE. Learn about alternative fuel in commercial lawn mowers at University of Memphis. 901-678-5152 to RSVP. http://bit.ly/1f3OelG

<u>Clean up Day at Coleman Elem</u> – (Mar 7, 9am). Join with Clean Memphis in cleaning up litter around Coleman Elem. Register here: http://cleanmemphis.org/Event-detail.aspx?eid=263

<u>Basic Landscape Design class</u> – (every Friday in March, \$125). Call the Botanic Garden at 636-4128 to RSVP for this 4-session class that covers the principles of design, plant selection, installation, and maintenance. http://bit.ly/1DKAapz

<u>Arbor Day at Botanic Garden</u> – (Mar 6). Visit the arboretum at the Memphis Botanic Garden. http://bit.ly/1BGK1Mp

Arbor Day at Crosswinds Elementary – (Mar 10). Office of Sustainability, Collierville
Environmental and Town Beautiful Commissions, and TN Urban Forestry Council have
joined together to present educational sessions for students at Crosswinds. Each student will receive a
redbud tree to take home. http://bit.ly/1FsYn0v

<u>Shelby Farms Tree Planting Days</u> - (every Sat. in March). Did you know that Shelby Farms Park Conservancy plans to plant one million trees to enhance wildlife corridors within the Park? They will provide the trees and tools. Please wear closed toe shoes and bring a bottle of water. For more information, please visit: http://www.shelbyfarmspark.org/volunteer

State-wide tree planting – (Mar 14, 11am). Help break a record as 50,000 trees will be planted across the state within one hour (previously reschedule from February's inclement weather). You can register to plant 4-8 trees on your own property with pickup at the TDEC field office (8383 Wolf Lake Dr., Bartlett behind Walmart). http://tectn.org/50ktreeday/

McKellar Lake Clean Up with Living Lands and Waters – (Mar 14). Living Lands and Waters & Chad Pregracke, CNN's Hero of the Year, will be doing a community clean up on the lake. This last session is filled up already. Last year over 100,000 pounds of trash was removed from McKellar! http://bit.ly/1JdWJ5V

TN Environmental Conference (Kingsport) – (Mar 17-18, \$250). Learn more about initiatives going on in the state. Hear from the Office of Sustainability and FedEx about their projects too! http://bit.ly/1MN9EhM



Master Gardeners Spring Fling – (Mar 20-21). Free garden expo at Agricenter for shopping, classes, and programs. http://bit.ly/1zzRrey

Adult Greenline Garden Workshop – (Mar 21, 9am, \$5). Shelby Farms Park Conservancy and Master Gardeners team up for a workshop series each month. Seeds and Plant Propagation will be taught this month. http://bit.ly/1ExpDet

Memphis Green Drinks - (Mar 24, 6:30). Join this social organization of environmental-minded folks to network at Bar DKDC. This month's guest speaker will be Schuyler Dalton from Roots Memphis, a growing cooperative of young and beginning farmers, located at Shelby Farms Park, producing clean and ethical food. www.greendrinks.org/tn/Memphis.

Wolf River Conservancy 10th Annual Tree Planting – (Mar 28, 9-12:30). Join International Paper and others at Shelby Farms Park for the 10th Annual tree planting. Register here: http://bit.ly/1ArxUkg



National Geographic geo-tourism website – Nat'l Geo is doing a geo-tourism website for the Mississippi River and all tourist places along it! If you have a special place or locally owned business in Shelby County that you would like to include, please upload it. This will tie their **NAT GEO** global brand with our cool local places! More information can be found here: http://bit.ly/1BiuuRG

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